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US starts taking applications for deferred deportations



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US immigration authorities said yesterday they have begun taking applications for deferred deportations from young undocumented immigrants, an initiative that could benefit up to 1.7 million people.

A directive issued two months ago by President Barack Obama allows undocumented immigrants to stay in the United States if they were under the age of 16 when they arrived in the country.

To be eligible, applicants also must be under 31 today, in school or have served in the US military, and have no criminal record.

"Childhood arrivals who meet the guidelines and whose cases are deferred will now be able to live without fear of removal, and be able to more fully contribute their talents to our great nation," said Alejandro Mayorkas, head of US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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Government receives results of 2011-2012 school research

During the months of August 2011 and February 2012, the Ministry of Public Health together with the Ministry of Education conducted a research on all secondary day schools as part of a larger investigative project called, "Baseline Assessment of the Drugs Problem on Aruba."

The investigation was undertaken by Herbert I. Diaz of the Center for Research & Development of the University of Aruba. Students of the



Social Work & Development department of the faculty of Arts & Sciences contributed during the interview phase and with the compiling of the data in the IBM-SPSS program.

The primary objective of the investigation was to get an idea as to the amount of drugs and alcohol being used under the youth and by the risk groups of youth. With the results of the research, the Minister of Public Health can stipulate a basis for formulating a vision with respect to the prevention, attention and treatment of drug use on Aruba.

The research revealed that proper education and adequate guidance at school and in the home will help to combat this problem. It is important to be very firm and to create sufficient knowledge regarding the use of drugs for young people.

They are also convinced that the community must also

become much more critical concerning the use of drugs, and especially with respect to all other vices.

Because the drugs problem is a responsibility of everyone in the community.

Accompanying photo shows Minister of Public Health, Richard Visser, Glenn Thode, Rector of the University of Aruba, Herbert Diaz and Jan van der Straten.



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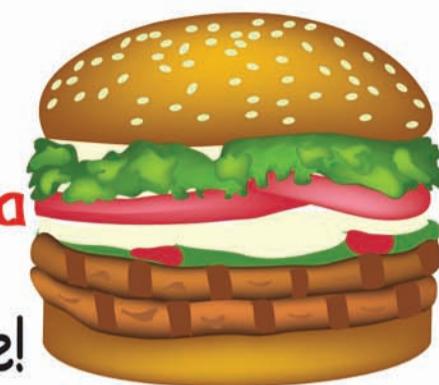


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The first impression that these Chileans got upon their arrival at the airport was the portrait of the Dutch Queen Beatrix at the Aruba Airport. There they received information about Aruba's ties to the

Dutch Kingdom. They were impressed with the many facilities that Aruba has to offer for such a small island. They could not imagine that it was possible to walk under water at the De Palm Island doing the Sea trek.

One of the other tourist attractions which impressed them greatly was the Donkey Sanctuary.

They were obviously enchanted with the variety of fine restaurants and with the security they felt on the island. Thanks to Tierra Del Sol where the group stayed and to all who contributed to making the program such a whopping success, and for giving our guests such a tremendous time and experience on Aruba!

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ORANJESTAD -- The government made several important announcements yesterday related to the new school year. According to the government, they are cognizant of the extra financial burden that some families have to send children back to school for a new academic year. They claim that the burden is greatest for those families depending on social welfare payments, or those with very limited incomes.



Hence the reasons for the announcement during a recent press conference. They announced a number of social benefits they will be making available. One of these benefits will be a subsidy for school fees and for school materials.

This assistance will be in addition to the increase in the social welfare introduced previously, also in addition to the school stipend per child that was introduced back in 2010 and doubled in 2011.

The Department of Social Affairs has a special fund for families on welfare. These families will now receive an additional Afsl.120 for each child specifically to help cover the expenses of school material such as agendas, bags, etc. The maximum will be Afsl.500 per family. In addition to this amount the parent will also receive Afsl.120 exclusively to pay the school fees. In the event a family has, for example, six children attending school, they will be eligible to receive Afsl.720 total.

The sum of Afsl.120 for paying for clothing, agenda and other school articles, will be paid to the parent. The parent will receive this amount in cash so they can decide where and what clothes to purchase



for the child. The Afsl.120 for paying school fees will be sent directly to the school upon proof that the child is to be attending said school.

For information on how the system will work, the parent should contact the Department of Social Affairs where they will explain the process in detail.

To become eligible for this assistance, it is important to go personally to the Department of Social Affairs in the Caya Harms (former Lagoenweg), or at the auxiliary office in San Nicolas or in Tanki Flip. It is also possible to go to the Department of Education. Each of these government departments will have a separate area designated specifically to address this special assistance.

Famous movie director launches video of Aruba!

ORANJESTAD -- Last May, during the Aruba Model Search event, famous director of music and model films, Justin Wu, was on Aruba. While here he filmed a video clip of Aruba with the song "Bring Me Down/Living Easy Mash Up" of Honey Pot with the production of Mash up by Bryan Montero.

This tremendous video is an initiative of Ronchi De Cuba together with Aruba Tourism

Authority. The video presents a young and refreshing view of Aruba on a global level. Justin put together a cast of models from the KOMA Models which includes Adrian Cardoso, Aitana Cardoso, Aksel Samardzic, Jamesun Britus, Jeffrey Prea, Kimberly Richardson, Ludwin Solognier, Marsan Lacle, Marylaine Veldman, Michaello Martilia, Nicole Van Tellingen, Randall Wester, Sade Swaen, Scott Smith, Shandrick Danies, Stephanie Marchena and Tyron De Freitas.

The video, dubbed, "Aruba by Justin Wu," can be seen on the website: www.aruba.com as well as on Facebook and other online social media.

Special thanks go out to Paris Rasmijn of KOMA Models and Mandy Lopez of Aruba Tourism Authority who played an integral role in the realization of the very impressive video.

Contemporary Bienal Art opens to the public in Fort Zoutman



This week, the official opening of the Contemporary Biennale Art exposition was

officiated by Aruba's Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. Repor-

tedly, this was a great honor for the Minister in that she made Alida Martinez' acquaintance some years ago. She actually met Alida Martinez in Santo Domingo when she became the winner of the Santo Domingo Biennale. Now Alida is presenting her excellent Biennale exposition here on Aruba.

Despite all the obstacles, the dedication and perseverance to continue with this magnificent project, it was finally realized. This is a big opportunity for Aruba to have so many lovely works of art on display. "Alida shared her ideas with us, said the Minister, and now I am happy to see it become a reality."

The exposition was a remarkable occasion where Alida shared her lovely works of art and the message each portrays! Aruba can expect many more Biennales, simply because this is the beginning, according to the Minister. All Alida's pieces are exquisite and touch everyone!

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Cosmos, casinos & Sex in the City: Island media enjoy a "Girls' Night Out" compliments of Marriott Resort & Casino



Tradewinds Chef Vargas with ladies of the media

Aruban news media has a number of bright, creative women putting out the word on what's new, hot and not on the island. Marriott Resort has made it a practice to celebrate island media on a regular basis; a "Sex in the City" hen party for the female members of the island's news force seemed the perfect way to introduce some innovative slots at their stylishly refurbished casino, themed after the famous TV show.

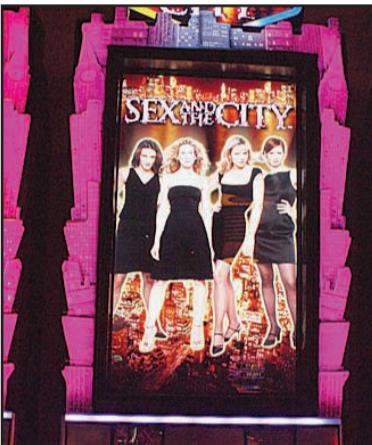
One can be certain that a "Girls' Night Out" with Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino as the hosts will be an elegant affair of perfectly mixed cosmos and a gourmet menu de-

vised by Tradewinds Club chef Francisco Vargas. Antoinette Van Den Berg and Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi of Marriott marketing were charming hostesses for the evening, distributing sheer tutus and feather boas a la Carrie, to all their guests.

The Tradewinds Club is the exclusive 8th floor section of the main Marriott Hotel where guests are pampered every hour of the day. Additional amenities include a dedicated concierge, a dining room/lounge just for their floor for breakfast, light lunches, and snacks throughout the day, as well as a gourmet happy hour to enjoy the breathtaking sunset view from the Tradewinds lounge terrace.

Feted with elegant cocktails, a fabulous pasta station on the terrace and spectacular sushi from Ketsu, the casual restaurant in the Marriott lobby, the group was introduced to the amazing new slots, which occupy a special spot in the Stellaris Casino.

"Sex in the City" slots even sport dedicated lounge chairs to fully enjoy the remarkable video show of these machines. They are full-fledged entertainment centers with an array of bonus fea-



New fun Sex and the City Slots



Flaming pasta table on the terrace



Cosmopolitans and sunset in the Tradewinds

Judaism in a Suitcase -- Roving Rabbis to Organize Shabbat Dinner in Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- Two young Chabad-Lubavitch rabbis arrived on August 14th, staying until the 20th as part of their summer-long community outreach training. They will be equipped with books, programming ideas and lots of optimistic cheer to reinforce Jewish pride and enhance spiritual education.

Rabbis Dovid Kotlarsky and Yakov Raskin have brought suitcases of videos, brochures, books, Shabbat candles, mezuzahs (a religious scroll placed on doorways), and kosher food. Their purpose is to reach out to the local Jewish community, assisting them in rediscovering their heritage. They will be spending much of their time conducting personal visits. For the first time, they will be hosting a Shabbat dinner for the Jewish community in Aruba as well as any Jewish vacationers who wish to attend.

Rabbis Kotlarsky and Raskin are part of a worldwide program sometimes referred to as "the Chabad-Lubavitch Summer Peace Corps," in which some 250 young rabbis and senior rabbinical students visit thousands of locations worldwide, including countries such as Bolivia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Croatia, Fiji, Guadeloupe, Ireland, Portugal, Sri Lanka and Uruguay.

The program was conceived and developed by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of

righteous memory, more than 50 years ago and has been responsible for bolstering Jewish communities and individuals worldwide. They don't necessarily travel abroad, but also visit locations with very small Jewish communities, such as Montana, North and South Dakota, and Saskatchewan. Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, sponsors the outreach program.

"We all look forward to their visits because they touch so many lives when they come," said Claudia Ponson of Aruba. "When they go home, they leave behind a fire that



Mezuzah case with scroll

will burn for a long time."

This first time community Shabbat Dinner will tomorrow, Friday, the 17th of August, at the Westin hotel. There is a suggested donation of \$15 for adults. The dinner will be starting at 6:40p.m. To RSVP or for more details, please contact Rabbi Dovid Kotlarsky at 748-8508 or email them at dovidkot@gmail.com

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SAN NICOLAS -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival, from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

A full roster of some of Aruba's finest criollo entertainers follows including folkloric musical groups, dance groups solo singers, limbo dance by "Miguel Philips" and Carnival show by "Carna-Aruba," and this is only on the main stage!

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including music by steel pan and Brass band."

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize your evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

Seven banks subpoenaed in US Libor probe

NEW YORK (AFP) - Seven banks have been subpoenaed in the United States in the investigation into rigging the Libor benchmark interest rate, a source close to the case told AFP yesterday.

New York authorities subpoenaed UBS, Deutsche Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, JP Morgan, Citigroup, HSBC and Barclays Bank in their probe into fixing the key London-centered interest rate, used as a reference by banks, businesses and private borrowers worldwide, they

said.

The subpoenas were sent between May and July, according to the source.

The authorities have requested documents but have not interviewed any bank officials in the case.

New York, Connecticut and other states are looking whether they or any of their citizens incurred losses due to the attempted manipulation of Libor and Euribor interbank rates between 2005 and 2009.

The Libor scandal erupted

in June when Barclays bank was fined 290 million pounds (\$452 million) by British and US regulators trying to artificially skew the rate during the stress of the financial crisis.

Barclays was the first bank to be fined as part of a global probe into suspected manipulation of the twin interest rates that are crucial to the operation of short-term financing and global markets.

In July US Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke

said that the revelations about how banks had skewed the Libor rate were "very troubling" and undermined confidence in the financial system.

"Libor is a critical benchmark to many financial contracts," Bernanke told a panel in Congress.

"The actions of traders and banks that have been disclosed are not only very troubling in themselves, but they have the effect of undermining markets."



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Judge orders courtroom surveillance for 'disruptive' Mladic

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Former Bosnian Serb army chief Ratko Mladic is to be kept under full-time video surveillance when he steps into the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal's courtroom, a UN judge ruled yesterday.

Mladic, who faces genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity charges, had "improper communications" with the public gallery, a witness and "exhibited other disruptive behaviour," Judge Alphonse Orie said in a court document.

"For the foregoing reasons, the chamber confirms its authorisation to the registry to preserve recordings of one of the cameras directed at the accused during court sessions," the judge said.

The chamber ordered "that these recordings should commence when the accused enters the courtroom and stops when he exits," the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia judge added.

Now 70, Mladic went on trial on May 16 in The Hague for his role in Bosnia's bloody 1992-95 conflict in which claimed some 100,000 lives and 2.2 million others left homeless.

He has had several run-ins with Judge Orie over his behaviour.

A day after his first appearance on June 3 last year, Mladic was ordered to be removed from the courtroom after constantly interrupting the judge, who also warned him not to communicate with the public gallery.

On the opening day of the trial, a widow of the Sre-

brenica massacre alleged Mladic made a "throat-slitting" gesture at her.

The man dubbed "the Butcher of Bosnia" is accused of having masterminded a criminal plan to rid multi-ethnic Bosnia of Croats and Muslims.

In particular, he faces charges relating to the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre, during which Bosnian Serb troops slaughtered nearly 8,000 Muslim men and boys - the worst atrocity on European soil since World War II.

He denies all the charges, but could face life in prison if convicted.

On the run for 16 years, Mladic was arrested on May 26, 2011 at a relative's home in northeastern Serbia before being transferred to The Hague.

Baby Breastfeeding Contest



Women breastfeed their babies during a contest organised by Peru's Health Ministry in Lima on August 14, 2012. The winning babies were those that managed to suckle their mother's milk for the longest period of time non-stop.

US starts taking applications for deferred deportations

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Republicans accuse the Obama administration of political pandering by ordering the measure at a time when both the president and his Republican rival Mitt Romney are vying for key Hispanic votes in November's presidential campaign.

Most of the estimated 11.5 million undocumented immigrants in the United States are from Latin America.

The administration defends the measure as "humane" and says it is focusing enforcement of US immigration law on people with criminal records.

It announced the deferred

deportation plan after reforms of US immigration laws failed to pass the US Congress.

The US government estimates that more than 800,000 people could submit applications for deferred deportation beginning Wednesday, but experts say the total number of eligible applicants could wind up being as high as 1.7 million.

Of those, one million could be eligible immediately and the rest when they reach the minimum age of 15, according to some studies.

Under the administration's directive, those who meet the

criteria would be allowed to stay in the country for at least two years, and can obtain temporary work permits.

Members of Congress and organizations that advocate for immigrants were conducting information sessions across the country Wednesday to help youths register.

"Happy deferred action day everyone!!" tweeted America's Voice, an advocacy group for immigration reform.

Officials warn that applicants must pay a \$465 fee and that the process could take several months to complete.

Paul Ryan shirtless photos in high demand

People really want to see Paul Ryan shirtless apparently.

The newly-minted 2012 Republican V.P. nominee has inspired a wave of searches for his sculpted body, according to a hilarious new Google infographic.

Since Mitt Romney announced Ryan as his running mate on Saturday, the most popular search keywords after Paul's name were "Vice President."

Makes sense ... but "Shirtless" was a close second.

The 42-year-old Congressman, who's married and has three kids with Janna Ryan, is certainly younger and better looking than most people in politics.

He's also "fierce" about working out and goes to the U.S. House gym at the crack of dawn every morning. Paul surely has an impressive six pack.

US sanctions 2 for links to Guatemalan drug queen

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Treasury Department yesterday hit two Guatemalans and 24 businesses with sanctions for their links to drug "queen-pin" Marlory Chacon Rossell, including her daughter.

Twenty-one year old Christina Castellanos Chacon and 47-year old Maria Saenz Lehnhoff are accused of helping launder drug money and will now have any US assets frozen.

A hotel, a construction company and a clothing store were among the entities also sanctioned.

The United States accuses



Marlory Chacon Rossell

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UN: Assad's forces committed crimes against humanity

GENEVA (AFP) - Syrian government forces and their militia allies committed crimes against humanity, but rebels have also carried out war crimes, although on a lesser scale, UN investigators said yesterday.

In their latest report, investigators also blamed President Bashar al-Assad's troops and shabiha allies for the massacre in central Syria's Houla in May when 108 civilians, including 49 children, were killed.

A list of individuals and units believed to have perpetrated the atrocities will be submitted to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, they added.

"The commission found reasonable grounds to believe that government forces and the shabiha had committed the crimes against humanity of murder and of torture, war crimes and gross violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law," the report said.

These "violations were committed pursuant to state policy," added investigators.

"Large-scale operations in different governorates, their similar modus operandi, their complexity and integrated military-security apparatus indicate the involvement at the

highest levels of the armed and security forces and the government," they said.

Shabiha militia loyal to the Assad's regime also "acted in concert with government forces" and were responsible for "many of the crimes" detailed in the 102-page report covering mid-February to July 2012.

A particular incident singled out was the Houla massacre, in which "the commission concluded that the government was responsible for the deaths of civilians as a result of shelling the Houla area and, particularly, Taldou village."

Rebel fighters were however not spared in the probe, which found that they were guilty of war crimes, including murder, extrajudicial execution and torture.

Nevertheless, "the violations and abuses committed by anti-government armed groups did not reach the gravity, frequency and scale of those committed by government forces and the shabiha," investigators said in the report, which is to be presented to the UN Human Rights Council on September 17.

Overall there has been a significant deterioration of human rights in Syria since the commission's last update to the

Human Rights Council in late June, the report said, with "continuous combat, involving more brutal tactics and new military capabilities on both sides. This development meant that the conflict "met the legal threshold for a non-international armed conflict."

In all at least 63 people were killed yesterday in Syria, where more than 23,000 people have died in violence since the uprising against the regime erupted in March 2011.



MOSCOW: Supporters of punk group Pussy Riot, wearing the group's trademark coloured balaclavas, held individual letters that spell the phrase "Blessed are the merciful" outside the Church of Christ the Saviour in central Moscow yesterday protesting the incarceration of three band members. Russian security guards broke up a demonstration yesterday in support of protest punk group Pussy Riot outside the Moscow cathedral where the women performed this year, activists said. (AFP)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Reports: Angry Bolivian villagers burn Brazilians alive

LA PAZ (AFP) - A mob of angry Bolivian villagers burned two suspected Brazilian drug traffickers alive Tuesday in revenge for the alleged murder of three Bolivians the previous night, police told local media.

Some 300 locals stormed a police station in San Matias, a small town near the border with Brazil, seized Rafael Max Dias and Jefferson Castro Lima, doused them in petrol and set them alight, according to television station Uno.

"It was impossible to con-

trol the crowd. There were only seven of us," police officer Grover Ramos told local newspaper El Deber de Santa Cruz.

The Brazilians were arrested on Tuesday after the murders of 33-year-old Paulino Paraba Ramos, 27-year-old Banderley Costas Paraba and 26-year-old Edgar Suarez Rojas, in a shooting thought to be related to drug trafficking.

Two others, not identified by the police, were injured in the shootings.

Canadians split on Quebec independence

OTTAWA (AFP) - Slightly more than half of Canadians in the rest of the country would rather not see mostly French-speaking Quebec province split from the federation, according to a poll released yesterday.

The results of the Abacus Data survey come as the separatist Parti Quebecois (PQ), leading in public opinion polls, is poised to take power in a September 4 election.

The PQ has vowed to try to wrest new powers and funding from the federal government in Ottawa if it wins.

Any failure could be used to bolster its separatist agenda. But observers do not expect a rush to a third referendum on sovereignty under a PQ banner.

The slight majority (52 percent) in favor of unity in the Abacus survey is up slightly

from another poll conducted in February that found 49 percent "don't really care if Quebec separates from Canada."

A majority of Canadians outside of Quebec, however, said they strongly oppose giving more federal funding, powers, or special status to Quebec to keep them in the federation.

Britain's Prince Philip in hospital with bladder infection

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's Prince Philip was hospitalised yesterday with a repeat of the bladder infection that made him miss part of his wife Queen Elizabeth II's jubilee celebrations in June, Buckingham Palace said.

The 91-year-old was likely to spend several days in hospital after his third health scare in the space of eight months, having also suffered a blocked coronary artery over Christmas last year.

Buckingham Palace said the Duke of Edinburgh, as he is formally known, was taken by ambulance to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary in northeast Scotland from Balmoral Castle about 40 miles (60 kilometres) away.

"The Duke of Edinburgh has had a recurrence of the bladder infection that he had in the summer and has been admitted to hospital for investigation and treatment," a palace spokesman said.

Health & Living

West Nile virus kills 17 in Texas, sickens hundreds



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US state of Texas is battling an outbreak of the West Nile virus, with at least 17 deaths being blamed on the mosquito-borne disease, authorities said.

Throughout the state, 381 people have been sickened since the start of the year, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The county incorporating Dallas, the ninth-largest city in the United States, has been the

hardest hit with a total of 128 cases and 9 deaths, prompting the mayor to declare a local state of disaster.

First discovered in Uganda in 1937, the virus is carried by birds and spread to humans by mosquitoes.

Severe symptoms can include high fever, vision loss and paralysis, while milder manifestations of the virus can range from headaches to skin rashes.

According to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, as of Tuesday 693 cases of the virus have been reported country-wide so far this year, including 26 deaths. Texas tops the list of both cases and fatalities.

In 2011, Texas saw a total of 27 cases and two deaths, the CDC said. Country-wide, 712 cases and 43 fatalities were reported over that 12-month period.

In an effort to stem the number of new infections, Texas authorities have urged residents to use insect repellent before heading outdoors, remain inside at dusk and at dawn, dress in protective clothing and drain standing water that could become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Last month, officials in New York City said the West Nile virus had been detected on Staten Island, one of the city's five boroughs.



With the help of a specially trained, multidisciplinary delivery team of about 50 UT, three boys and two girls -- Will Edward, David Stephen, Marcie Jane, Seth Jared and Grace Elise were born last week to missionaries Carrie and Gavin Jones at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The quintuplets while in stable condition, will likely remain hospitalized for several months until they reach weight, post-birth age and health markers. Gavin Jones, 35, is a helicopter pilot. He, his wife and the couple's 8-year-old son Isaac serve as missionaries in the South Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea, according to the hospital. The couple chronicled the pregnancy and documented the babies' births on their blog (gavincarrie.blogspot.com.) , and continue to offer updates on the babies' medical conditions and progress.



Tobacco firms lose Australia plain packet case

(AFP) - Global tobacco firms lost a "watershed" court challenge to Australia's plain packaging laws for cigarettes on Wednesday in a closely-watched case health advocates said would have a worldwide impact.

The High Court of Australia ruled the measures, stipulating that tobacco products should be sold in drab, uniform packaging with graphic health warnings from December 1 this year, did not breach the country's constitution.

Four companies led by British American Tobacco (BAT) had challenged the law, claiming it infringed their intellectual property rights by banning brands and trademarks from packets, and was unconstitutional.

But the court rejected the argument by BAT, Japan Tobacco International, Imperial Tobacco and Philip Morris that the law represented "an acquisition of (their) property otherwise than on just terms".

The World Health Organization welcomed the decision and hoped it would have a "domino effect" in other countries.

Britain, Canada and New Zealand are mulling similar measures, and Roxon said China, South Africa and the European Union were also following the Australian case with interest.



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HEALTH TIP: Menstruation: Preparing your preteen for her period

Wonder how to introduce the subject of menstruation? What to tell your daughter about periods? How to ease her anxiety? Here's help covering the bases.

-Talk early and often

If your daughter asks questions about menstruation, answer them openly and honestly. Provide as many details as you think she needs at the time.



*What is menstruation?

Menstruation means a girl's body is physically capable of becoming pregnant.

*Does it hurt?

Many girls have cramps, typically in the lower abdomen, when their periods begin.

*When will it happen?

No one can tell exactly when a girl will get her first period. Typically, however, girls begin menstruating about two years after their breasts begin to develop.

*What should I do? Explain how to use sanitary pads or tampons. Many girls are more comfortable starting with pads, but it's OK to use tampons right away. Remind your daughter that it may take some practice to get used to inserting tampons.

*What if I'm at school? Encourage your daughter to carry a few pads or tampons in her backpack or purse, just in case.

*Will everyone know that I have my period? Assure your daughter that pads and tampons aren't visible through clothing.

*What if blood leaks onto my pants? Offer your daughter practical suggestions for covering up stains until she's able to change clothes, such as tying a sweatshirt around her waist. You might also encourage your daughter to wear dark pants or shorts when she has her period, just in case.

Schedule a medical checkup for your daughter if:

*Her periods last more than seven days

*She has menstrual cramps that aren't relieved by over-the-counter medications

*She's soaking more pads or tampons than usual

*She's missing school or other activities because of painful or heavy periods

*She goes three months without a period or suspects she may be pregnant

*She hasn't started menstruating by age 15

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French Shipwreck La Belle To Be Freeze-Dried, Rebuilt



TEXAS -More than three centuries ago, a French explorer's ship sank in the Gulf of Mexico, taking with it France's hopes of colonizing a vast piece of the New World - modern-day Texas.

Now Researchers at Texas A&M University are sailing into uncharted waters as they seek to reconstruct a 17th century ship with help from a gigantic freeze-dryer.

By placing the ship in a constant environment of up to 60 degrees below zero, more than 300 years of mois-

ture will be safely removed from hundreds of European oak and pine timbers and planks.

Researchers will then rebuild the 54 1/2-foot vessel, which will become the centrepiece of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

The supply ship was built in 1684 and sank two years later in a storm on Matagorda Bay, about midway between Galveston and Corpus Christi.



(AFP) - Samsung on Wednesday unveiled a Galaxy Note 10.1 tablet designed to make a more personal connection with users and aiming to knock Apple's iPad off its market throne. A key feature of the Galaxy Note 10.1 was a sophisticated "S Pen" that can be used as if it were a pen on paper or a computer mouse. Samsung built technology from Japan-based Wacom into the tablet screen to create a layer that can sense "S Pens" so precisely it can tell how hard they are being pressed or even if they are hovering, slightly out of touch. Note 10.1 tablets are powered by Google's latest generation Android software and feature powerful quad-core processors as well as two gigabytes of RAM for quick handling of videos, games and other graphics rich content. The tablets are Wi-Fi enabled to connect with the Internet at hotspots and will be available as of yesterday in the United States at prices of \$500 for a 16-gigabyte model and \$550 for a 32-gigabyte model, according to Samsung. Note 10.1 software can convert handwriting to text or crudely drawn objects to crisp geometric figures, and even correct written scientific or mathematical formulas, according to the demonstration.

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New Zealand mulls new cyber-bullying crime



WELLINGTON (AFP) - New Zealand said it was considering making cyber-bullying a criminal offence, amid concerns that existing laws offer inadequate protection from online harassment.

A Law Commission report said adolescents were particularly vulnerable to cyber-bullying, which could lead to depression, self-harm and suicide among victims.

The report's author, legal ac-

ademic John Burrows, said existing laws had failed to keep pace with developments in social media and police were dealing with increasing numbers of complaints about online threats and harassment.

Research commissioned for the report found 10 percent of New Zealanders had experienced issues such as cyber-bullying and invasion of privacy online, rising to 22 percent among 18-29 year olds.

Burrows recommended the creation of a new crime specifically aimed at cyber-bullying, making it illegal to post grossly offensive, obscene or threatening content that was aimed at causing emotional harm.

The proposed offence would carry a maximum penalty of three months in prison.

He said Britain had introduced a similar offence, which resulted in a four month jail term last year for a man who posted abusive content on a Facebook memorial page for a teenage girl who committed suicide.

He also called for establishment of a specialised online communications tribunal, with the power to issue "takedown notices" ordering the immediate removal of offensive content.

Justice Minister Judith Collins welcomed the 160-page report and said the government would consider its recommendations as a priority.

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15. Keogh alternative: abbr.
16. Ship's right side
18. Does a salon job
20. Cattle call
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22. Fish story
24. Outdo
26. Gary's "Morocco" costar
29. Puccini work
33. "___ Ideas"
34. Dracula's dislike
36. Pack, marine-style
37. Roxie of "The Jeffersons"
39. Bureaucratic annoyance
41. Bomb with no bang
43. Salty drop
44. "___ Trick Pony"
47. Lily: Fr.
49. Bacharach song
52. Autograph

hound's prey

55. "___ not like them, Sam, I am"

56. Tennis star Lendl

57. Sift

58. D.C. legislator

59. Place for thinking

60. Do as you're told

61. Snorts of laughter

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1. Ming ding?

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3. Kirk's work

4. Harass

5. Verb for "thou"

6. Actor Neeson

7. Seance-fiction

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8. ___ Zedong

9. Optimist's phrase

10. Euro's predecessor, in Bologna

11. Small whirlpool

17. Lock for a scofflaw's car

19. Type of milk

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25. Of the mail

26. Russian space station name

27. Part of the past

28. Affinity for music

30. Beach-comber's find

31. Flatfoot

32. Reverent

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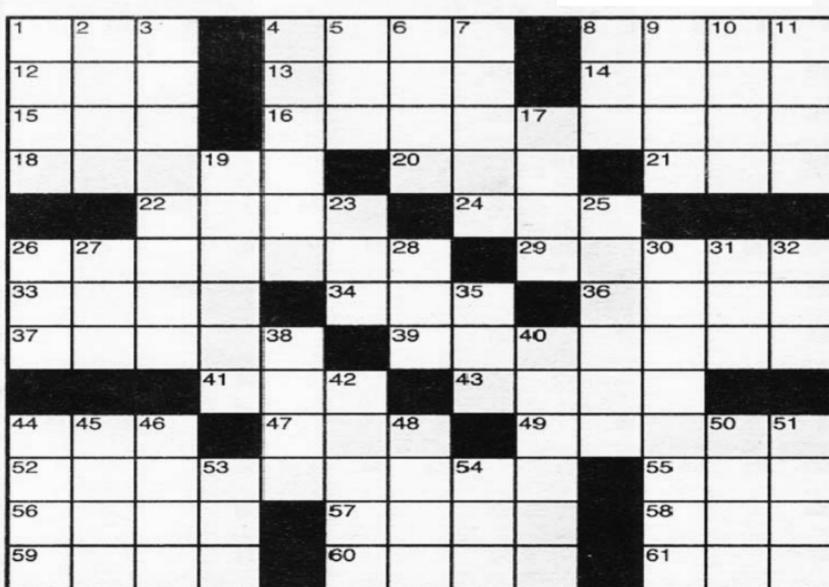
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Finance

Officials: Venezuelan petrol to China up 60% since February

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan oil sales to China have jumped by 60 percent since the start of the year, the country's oil minister said in an interview published yesterday.

The stepped up oil shipments to China are part of an effort by President Hugo Chavez to reduce reliance on the United States as the market for the bulk of its oil.

"We are selling 640,000 barrels of petrol per day to China," Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez told newspaper El Universal.

In February, Venezuela reported it was selling 400,000 barrels to the People's Repub-

lic. Ramirez said 264,000 barrels of oil would be used to repay the Latin American nation's debt to the Asian giant.

Last week, Chavez announced that China Development bank will inject some \$4 billion into development projects, to include housing, energy and industrial growth.

Caracas announced earlier this year that by 2015, it aims to sell one million barrels of crude to China daily, which would equal the amount the nation sells to the United States.

Ramirez said the increase in sales will be facilitated by

increased production in the natural resource-rich Orinoco Oil Belt in the east of the country.

Venezuela produces about three million barrels of oil per day (mbd), according to state figures, but the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) says the oil supply is 2.3 mbd.

OPEC certified in 2011 that Venezuela has the largest oil reserves in the world at 296.5 billion barrels, surpassing Saudi Arabia, the country with the largest refining capacity. Last March, Venezuelan authorities reported reserves had increased to 297,570 million.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Exxon, Shell-led consortium wins tender for Black Sea gas

KIEV (AFP) - A consortium lead by Exxon and Shell has won a tender to extract natural gas from a Black Sea field off the coast of the Ukraine, the government said yesterday.

Authorities selected the consortium, which includes Romanian energy group Petrom and Ukrainian state-owned Nadra Ukrainy, as the winner of the tender for the

Skifski site, the ministry of environment and natural resources said in a statement.

Skifski is located in the northwest part of the Black Sea, near Romania, and is expected to provide three to four billion cubic metres (105-140 billion cubic feet) of natural gas per year, according to experts cited by the Russian news agency Interfax.



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Switzerland CHF	181.83	182.55	183.35
Netherlands EUR	216.66	218.64	220.84
Sweden SEK	25.60	26.32	27.12
Denmark DKK	28.40	29.12	29.92
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US consumer prices flat

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US consumer prices were unchanged in July, official data showed yesterday, indicating no immediate risk of inflation as the Federal Reserve considers more stimulus for the economy.

The Labor Department reported that the cost of living was unchanged last month and had increased just 1.4 percent in the last 12 months.

That is much lower than the Federal Reserve's semi-official inflation target of 2.0 percent, which is considered the sign of a healthy economy.

Yesterday's figures will give further ammunition to those arguing for more measures to juice the US economy.

Critics of further stimulus have repeatedly warned that pumping cash into the economy risks stoking inflation.

"There is literally no evidence of inflation anywhere in this report," said Dean Baker of the Center for Economic and Policy Research.

"Clearly the Fed has no reason to be concerned about inflation exceeding its 2.0 percent target any time soon."

Standard Chartered eyes joint deal after backing down in U.S.

LONDON - Standard Chartered is pursuing a collective settlement with other U.S. authorities after backing down and agreeing to pay \$340 million to New York's financial regulator following mounting pressure from shareholders. The bank said it made a "pragmatic decision" to settle having seen its share price slump by more than 30 percent at one stage last week following accusations that it concealed Iran-linked transactions worth a total of \$250 billion.



London -- AFP photo shows people walking along High Street in Stratford, east London yesterday. Stratford welcomed the world for the 2012 Olympics, but it remains to be seen whether the biggest show on Earth will bring long-term benefits to residents in the impoverished London district. The Games have revolutionised the landscape in Stratford, creating a park, new flats and Olympic sports venues out of an industrial wasteland. However, transforming the quality of life for many Stratford residents is something that will take decades, rather than months.

Richard Burton diary chronicles Taylor infatuation



LONDON (AFP) - Previously unpublished extracts from the diary of iconic Welsh actor Richard Burton have revealed his "aching" love for screen siren Elizabeth Taylor, whom he married twice.

Passages from the journal, which will be published in full in October, expose a sensitive side to the notoriously hard-drinking actor.

"She has turned me into a model man but not a prig, she is a wildly exciting lover-mistress, she is shy and witty, she is nobody's fool," he said of Taylor in extracts published on Tuesday.

"She is a brilliant actress... she can be arrogant and wilful, she is clement and loving.

"She is Sunday's child, she can tolerate my impossibilities and my drunkenness, she is an ache in the stomach when I am away from her and she loves me. And I shall love her for ever."

In another entry from November 1968 he describes Taylor as "beautiful beyond the dreams of pornography".

The couple met on the set of Cleopatra in 1961 but their relationship finally broke down with their second divorce in 1976.

The diaries have been edited by Swansea University professor Christopher Williams, who was given the diaries by Burton's widow, Sally.

"The words reveal somebody who is reflective and thoughtful and someone who engaged intellectually with the world around him," said Williams.

"It's not just the ale-and-women kind of image," he explained.

Fans flock to Graceland in memory of Elvis Presley

MEMPHIS (AFP) - Fans of Elvis Presley are flocking to his Graceland estate for today's 35th anniversary of his death, and their enthusiasm for the king of rock 'n' roll is undiminished by the years.



Organizers of the annual Elvis Week expect this year's edition to be the largest ever, with his widow Priscilla and daughter Lisa Marie Presley participating.

"Elvis is fan-driven," said

Joe Guercio, Presley's musical director from 1970 until the star's sudden death on August 16, 1977 at the age of 42, "and there are not a lot of people (in show business) who are fan-driven."

Actually nine days long, Elvis Week started in Memphis last Friday, centered around a 1,200-seat air conditioned tent across Elvis Presley Boulevard from Graceland and next to the preserved remains of the singer's private jet.

Highlights include an all-night candlelight vigil at Graceland's gates, where fans this year will have the option of lighting real wax candles or switching on virtual candles on a special Elvis Week smartphone app.

Today, a concert at a downtown stadium -- featuring Priscilla and Lisa Marie, as well as surviving members of

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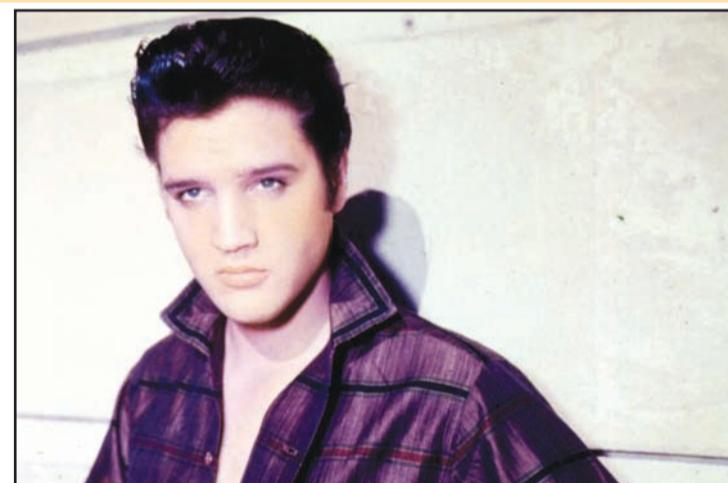
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Folded into Elvis Week is the sixth annual Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest -- never, ever call them impersonators -- with contestants from as far afield as Australia and Japan.

"I always look like this, minus some of the make up -- but the hair is always the same, sideburns and everything," immaculately coifed Rick Huntress, an award-winning Elvis tribute artist from New England, said.

Tuesday saw hundreds of Elvis fan club presidents get the lowdown from Elvis Presley Enterprises, which closely oversees the rights to Presley's posthumous image, on his enduring legacy in film, commercials and merchandising.

Good-humored boos filled the Elvis Week Main Stage

tent when Carol Butler, vice president for international licensing, revealed a Mr Potato Head character resembling Presley in his "Aloha from Hawaii" period.

Much more of a crowd-pleaser -- it was greeted with cheers -- was a Canadian-made suitcase emblazoned with an airbrushed portrait of Presley. "It's really nice," said Butler, who listed its price at \$100.

And in a cross-cultural fusion of pop culture icons, Butler lifted the wraps off a forthcoming Elvis version of Japan's Hello Kitty doll. "We just love it," she said. "She's just cute in her little Elvis duds."

In another part of Memphis, Presley artifacts went under an auctioneer's hammer, including -- of all things -- an empty plastic bottle of tetracycline, an antibiotic, prescribed to Presley in 1974. It sold for \$5,500.

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Taiwan museum fined for stopping breastfeeding mum

TAIPEI (AFP) - A top Taiwanese museum has been fined for preventing a woman from breastfeeding, the first such case since a law was enacted to protect the right to breastfeed in public, authorities said yesterday.

The director and an employee of the National Palace Museum were each fined Tw\$6,000 (\$200) for violating the public breastfeeding law passed in 2010, said the Taipei city health department.

The incident came to light after the woman complained that a museum worker asked

her to leave and told her it "looked very unsightly" when she breastfed her son outside an exhibition room last month.

The museum, internationally renowned for its vast collection of ancient Chinese artwork, said it would appeal against the fine and that its employee was only informing the woman that the museum had a special breastfeeding room.

Taiwan's government has been promoting breastfeeding and vowed to ensure a better environment for mothers to nurse their babies after similar incidents in recent years.

Paolo Gabriele: troubled butler who betrayed the pope



VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The pope's former butler Paolo Gabriele, who will stand trial for leaking confidential papers, was a model employee in many ways but also a troubled and frustrated character, the Holy See says.

Renowned as a trusted and dedicated companion to the aged pontiff, Gabriele, 46, shocked the tiny Vatican community with his admission of guilt and left many wondering why he decided to turn whistleblower and risk his freedom.

Questions remain over whether Gabriele was acting out of love for the Church and the pope, as he has claimed, or whether he has become the scapegoat in a wider conspiracy to unseat powerful figures in the Vatican.

"I was moved to act by my deep faith and the desire to shed light on everything that goes on in the Church," Gabriele told a Vatican magistrate.

Married with three children, he was known as a pious and very discreet character, who was one of the select few who had access to Pope Benedict XVI's private chambers and attended him both when he woke and last thing at night.

Known as Paoletto, he had worked for Benedict since 2006 and was often seen by the pope's side on foreign trips,

riding with him in the "pope-mobile".

It was Gabriele's job to prepare the pontifical ceremonial robes, which he helped the 85-year-old German pontiff don each morning at dawn, before serving him lunch and dinner, and sometimes sitting down to eat alongside him.

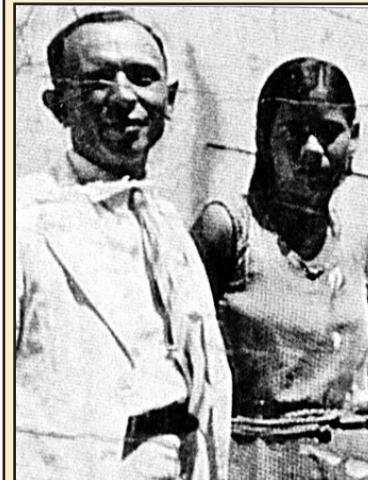
When he was arrested at the end of May, a high-ranking Vatican official who had been the butler's confessor and knew him well told a newspaper that "Gabriele loves the pope so much that he would never betray him."

While he admitted leaking the documents, Gabriele told Vatican prosecutor Nicola Piscardi he had done so "because the Holy Father was not correctly informed" about affairs at the heart of the powerful Catholic Church.

Many of the papers shed light on Vatican secrets, including the Church's tax problems, child sex scandals, negotiations with religious rebels and other murky affairs which Gabriele felt compelled to bring to the pope's attention.

There is a suspicion that Gabriele acted sincerely but was then manipulated as part of a plot within the secretive Vatican administration aimed at toppling the Vatican's number two, Cardinal Tarciso Bertone, from power.

La Linda Department Store-where Aruba shops!



Calman and Anna Hochman

Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very seriously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish im-

honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, deco-

work in progress," asserts Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

La Linda is continually expanding their inventory, with their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and mo-



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derately priced goods from all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

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A visit to La Linda and perusal of their interesting collection will make anyone understand why it has remained successful all these decades, and is still Aruba's favorite place to shop!



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grant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and



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SPORTS

Football: Madrid and Barca set to dominate La Liga again



FC Barcelona against Real Madrid in La Liga on December 10, 2011

MADRID (AFP) - Arch rivals Real Madrid and Barcelona are the obvious candidates to battle it out for La Liga bragging rights, as a host of pretenders attempt to put pressure on the outright favourites when the new campaign kicks off on Saturday.

The two sides finished 39 and 30 points ahead of third-placed Valencia last season and with no challengers having significantly strengthened, the battle at the top is likely to have a familiar look to it.

Champions Real Madrid will begin with almost the same squad that ended Barcelona's run of three consecutive titles last term.

Coach Jose Mourinho fended off early interest in his Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain from big spenders Paris Saint-Germain, while Raul Albiol, Alvaro Arbeloa and Angel Di Maria have all signed extensions to their contracts.

Mourinho's efforts to strengthen a squad that accumulated 100 points, while losing only two games, appear to be focused solely on the capture of Croatian playmaker Luka Modric from Tottenham.

Negotiations have continued all summer, but Madrid president Florentino Perez is well-known for his patience and the deal may only be struck towards the closure of the transfer window on August 31.

Their Catalan rivals finished nine points adrift last season and the team will have a brand new look as Tito Vilanova replaces Pep Guardiola as coach after four glittering years at the Camp Nou.

The only addition so far to their squad is the return of full-back Jordi Alba from Valencia for a fee of 14 million euros.

The return of David Villa after eight months out with a

broken tibia will be like a new signing for a Barca side that relied heavily on Lionel Messi's 50 league goals in his absence.

Valencia start the new term with former defender Mauricio Pellegrino taking over as coach from Unai Emery, who has left the club to take over at Spartak Moscow after a trio of third-place finishes in four years.



considered two of the best players Messi (L) and Ronaldo (R)

New signings include former Real Madrid central midfielder Fernando Gago and Mexican winger Andres Guardado from Deportivo La Coruna.

Centre-forward Roberto Soldado will again lead the line after finishing last season as the top Spanish-born player with 17 goals.

Malaga fans have abruptly stopped celebrating their club's first ever qualification for the Champions League after a fourth place finish.

Star players Santi Cazorla and Salomon Rondon have left for Arsenal and Rubin Kazan respectively amid the withdrawal of financial support from the club's Arab owners.

Atletico Madrid have again been busy in the transfer market as Diego Simeone attempts

to stamp his style on a side he much improved on his return to the club as coach in January.

The Argentine wasted little time in signing Cristian Rodriguez from Oporto, Cata Diaz from Getafe and ex-Newcastle midfielder Emre from Fenerbahce while bringing back Raul Garcia after a successful season on-loan at Osasuna.

After leading the club to its second Europa League title in three years, Simeone may have done his best bit of business in convincing Colombian striker Gustavo Falcao that his future remains at the Vicente Calderon after he notched 24 goals in his debut season.

Levante go into their first ever season of European football with hopes of mounting another spectacular campaign after coming sixth last term.

Meanwhile, Sevilla have signed almost a whole new defence in Dutch centre-half Hedwiges Maduro from Valencia, Brazilian left-back Cincinno from Palmeiras, Alberto Botia from Gijon and Spanish international goalkeeper Diego Lopez from Villarreal.

After appearances in the Europa League and Spanish Cup finals, Athletic Bilbao are expected by many to improve on last season's 10th place.

However, the Basques have not enjoyed a stable pre-season.

They first had to convince Argentine coach Marcelo Bielsa to remain in his post and also overcome the news they may be forced to sell star striker Fernando Llorente after he rejected a contract extension.

Newly-promoted Deportivo La Coruna, Celta Vigo and Valladolid will all be looking to re-establish themselves in the top flight, which may mean a battle for the lower places between such clubs as Granada, Rayo Vallecano, Getafe and Mallorca.

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Golf: McIlroy and Woods to face off in China

BEIJING (AFP) - World number one Rory McIlroy will take on 14-time Major winner Tiger Woods in the one-day Duel at Jinsha Lake matchplay contest in China in October, organisers said.

The duo, two of the world's most famous golfers, will be the only competitors in the 18-hole event, which will be held at Jinsha Lake Golf Club, in Zhengzhou, capital of the central province of Henan, on October 29.

"It's an exciting concept and it will be a lot of fun going head to head with Tiger," McIlroy, 23, said.

"I've always looked up to him as a player. What he's achieved in the game is remarkable."

The showdown -- for which no prize money is up for grabs -- will be a month after the pair are set to feature in the Ryder Cup.

McIlroy returned to the top of the world rankings after winning last week's PGA Championship by eight strokes for his second Major title, having won last year's US Open by the same margin.

Woods, the world number three, has won three times this year and earned his 100th career worldwide victory, signalling he is getting closer to his brilliant best.

"With the huge growth of the game of golf across Asia and the inclusion of the sport in the next Olympic Games in 2016, I think it's fitting for this great event to take place in China," added McIlroy.

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Uganda marathon winner gets \$80,000, home for parents



KAMPALA (AFP) - Recently-crowned Olympic marathon champion Stephen Kiprotich returned home Wednesday to a rapturous welcome in Uganda, an \$80,000 cheque and a pledge that his parents will get a new house.

Kiprotich, who beat the heavily-fancied Kenyan team to claim Uganda's first gold medal in 40 years at the London Games, was welcomed by cheering fans before being

whisked to a breakfast meeting with President Yoweri Museveni.

Museveni presented the gold-medalist with a cheque for around \$80,000 and ordered the money "be deposited on his account before the close of business today," the president's office said in a statement.

Uganda's GDP per capita stands at around \$500, according to the World Bank.

Museveni also promised to construct a three-bedroom house for Kiprotich's impoverished parents who live in a remote area of eastern Uganda, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the state-run daily New Vision newspaper claimed to have raised over \$120,000 from public and corporate donations for the athlete, and is aiming to collect a total of \$500,000, it reported on its website.

Kiprotich, who works as a warden in Uganda's prisons, was also handed a promotion from his bosses, a senior official at the Uganda prison services said.

"We are promoting him and we will commission him soon," Tommy Ochen, director of correctional services, told AFP.

Kiprotich, who was accompanied by his wife and two children, has complained about the lack of funding for Ugandan athletes.

Like most of Uganda's top runners, he has been forced to move to Kenya's renowned high altitude Eldoret region to do most of his training.

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Tennis: Djokovic scratches out opening Cincinnati victory



Novak Djokovic of Serbia serves to Andreas Seppi of Italy

CINCINNATI (AFP) - Novak Djokovic made a scratchy start on Wednesday at the ATP-WTA Cincinnati Masters as the second seed won his opening match 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 over Andreas Seppi.

The three-time finalist and world number two behind Roger Federer had not even had the chance to hit on the showcase court after arriving in the Midwest from his post-Olympic title in Toronto at the weekend.

"It was not a great performance," admitted Djokovic, who improved to 9-0 over Seppi, whom he struggled with at Roland Garros in a comeback from two sets to love down in the fourth round. "I didn't do anything special out there."

Djokovic won in just under 90 minutes, a contest which included a 59-minute opening set in which the second seed needed four set points to take the lead.

The Serb stepped it up in the second as he ran out the winner with 21 winners and 22 unforced errors.

Top seed and four-time

veteran Nikolay Davydenko, who beat Florian Mayer of Germany 6-3, 6-3.

Argentine sixth seed and former US Open winner Juan Martin del Potro knocked out Germany's Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-2, Mardy Fish, the US tenth seed, beat Argentine Carlos Berlocq 6-3, 6-1. Wild card Lleyton Hewitt of Australia went down to Serb Viktor Troicki 6-2, 6-0.

In the women's second round, top seed Agnieszka Radwanska dispatched Swede Sofia Arvidsson 6-4, 6-3, with Italy's seventh seed and Roland Garros finalist Sara Errani beating Slovak Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-4.

Two Italians were eliminated, with American Sloane Stephens stopping Camille Giorgi 6-2, 6-1 and China's Peng Shuai overcoming Roberta Vinci 6-3, 6-4.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	69	47	.595	--
BALTIMORE	63	53	.543	6.0
TAMPA	63	53	.543	6.0
BOSTON	57	60	.487	12.5
TORONTO	55	61	.474	14.0

Central

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	63	52	.548	--
DETROIT	63	55	.534	1.5
CLEVELAND	54	63	.462	10.0
KANSAS	50	65	.435	13.0
MINNESOTA	50	67	.427	14.0

West

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	67	48	.583	--
OAKLAND	61	54	.530	6.0
LA ANGELES	61	56	.521	7.0
SEATTLE	54	64	.458	14.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
WASHINGTON	72	45	.615	--
ATLANTA	67	49	.578	4.5
NY METS	55	61	.474	16.5
PHILADELPHIA	54	63	.462	18.0
MIAMI	53	65	.449	19.5

Central

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	70	46	.603	--
PITTSBURG	64	52	.552	6.0
ST. LOUIS	63	53	.543	7.0
MILWAUKEE	52	63	.452	17.5
CHICAGO	45	70	.391	24.5
HOUSTON	39	79	.331	32.0

West

West	W	L	Pct	GB
LA DODGERS	64	53	.547	--
SAN FRANCISCO	64	53	.547	--
ARIZONA	58	58	.500	5.5
SAN DIEGO	52	66	.441	12.5
COLORADO	43	71	.377	19.5

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All Distance Runners Aruba, a running club association, in cooperation with General Stores Aruba, is organizing

the second "General Store 10K" run/walk. This will be held this Sunday August 19th, 2012, starting at 6 o'clock in

the morning. The start line will be in front of the General Store Do It Best located at Savaneta, on the highway to Sannicolas. The route will be on the highway heading west, where the race will finish in front of the General Store Camacuri, next to the airport area.

This route is very attractive for the participants, for they will be running and walking with the wind blowing to the west, the same direction they are going.

There will be prizes for the overall winners male and female runners and per different age categories.

And for the walkers we will have prizes for the overall winners male and female.

Be part of this event and pre-register today at the office of IBISA (ex Idefre) situated in the Certified MegaMall, Runners in Oranjestad or at the General Stores Camacuri and Savaneta. Participation fee is AWG 15.00 for locals and US\$ 10.00 for non-local.

This includes a t-shirt, water at the start and on the route. At the finish there will be water, Gatorade and fruits. On the morning of the race



there will be free transportation from the General Store Camacuri (next to the airport area) to General Store Do It Best in Savaneta.

On the day of the race is not possible to register and pay, so do pre-register. Last day to do this will be Saturday, August 18th at Runners or at one of the General Stores.

For more information you can contact Mr. Lloyd Wever at telephone 5928592 or email us at adraruba@gmail.com. You can also visit our facebook page "All Distance Runners Aruba".

(photo shows last year event)